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## STRIKES BLOW

**Linville Arrests Stephen-son of "The Turf."**

**RELEASED ON \$250 BOND**

**Failed to Heed Sheriff's Ultimatum So Is Sadly Humiliated.**

**"TURF" NOW IS CLEANSED**

**Fight For Common Decency Instituted. Law to be Enforced and City Relieved of Retrograding Influences.—Linville is Determined to be Obeyed.**

John Stephenson, proprietor of the "Turf," one of the most flourishing dance halls in the underworld, was arrested last night by Sheriff Thomas Linville, and Deputy Sheriff Watson Binder, upon the charge of maintaining a public nuisance. Stephenson is held under a bond of \$250. Such marks the first step toward cleansing Astoria of the evil propagating brothels on Astor street and is convincing that Sheriff Linville is determined to enforce the law.

Early last night the sheriff notified all dance hall keepers that they must rid their places of women, or subject themselves to arrest. About 9 o'clock, accompanied by Binder, he meandered along Astor street to see how well his warning had been heeded. Entering the "Turf" he found a rollicking mob of tenderloin frequenters lined up to the bar, an din the dance hall, were a quarter hundred women, dressed in gaudy garments, and enjoying, in their pervaded conceptions, a really delightful evening. Linville required no further evidence. Approaching Stephenson, to the latter's utter astonishment, the sheriff vouchsafed:

"You're under arrest."  
"Eh? For what?" demanded the dive proprietor, indignantly.  
"Doesn't make any difference," replied the sheriff, decisively.

Sadly humiliated, Stephenson permitted himself to be led from within the dignified (?) confines of his establishment. He was informed that he would have to furnish a bond of \$250 before he would be released. He was obdurate and proceeded to lash Sheriff Linville with pitiable attempts at sarcasm, remarking, he thought facetiously, that the "sheriff wasn't no Czar and wasn't going to rule him."

Linville treated these sallies good-naturedly, but insisted upon the bond, which Stephenson finally arranged for. Following the arrival of last night's train, Linville paid a second visit to the "Turf" and found it free from women, in fact, a garb of semi-respectability was manifest about the place. The sheriff, in his own parlance, "will take no 'guff' from the dance hall proprietors. He is determined to rid the city of this very great evil, and will not desist in his efforts until every dive in Astoria is freed of demi-mondes.

Linville avers that so long as the dive-keepers do not go beyond their prerogatives, he will not molest them. They hold licenses permitting them to conduct saloons, but the first move they make toward a renaissance of the dance hall evil, he says, will be his signal for a second pilgrimage in the interest of moral cleanliness.

**TELEPHONE EXPLOITERS WILL OPEN CONVENTION**

**Important Topics Relative to Improvement of Equipment to Be Discussed.**

Chicago, June 19.—Delegates to the convention of the National Interstate Independent Telephone Association, which will open here tomorrow are arriving. No fewer than 1,000 delegates

and exhibitors are expected here during the week, and every known phase of the telephone business will be exploited.

One of the leading questions to be discussed at the meeting is the possibility of installing an independent company in New York City, it is declared, and the establishment of uniform toll rates for inter-connecting telephone plants will be another important topic.

The Association has divided the territory into districts, each of which will be officially represented by delegates, and the advantages of standardizing equipments and operation will be fully discussed, with a view of satisfying the largest possible number of companies.

**PERPETRATE UNIQUE AND DARING FRAUD**

Seattle, June 19.—A mysterious circular sent out from this city in the name of the manufacturers' association, to the lumber and shingle manufacturers of the state is asking complete data regarding mills. Officers of Manufacturers' association say the circular is not sent by their authority and they knew nothing of it until they heard of it from persons to whom it was sent. Steps will be taken to prosecute the perpetrators of the alleged fraud. The information sought covers every branch of the lumber business, timber holdings, the course of streams, railroad and skid roads and the full details of the output of mills.

## ROUVIER THE VICTOR

**French Diplomatist Alive to the Occasion.**

**FRANCO-GERMAN QUESTION**

**International Conference Practically Assured. Germany Defines Its Scope—Menace to French Interests Removed and Tension Relieved.**

Paris, June 19.—An international conference for the consideration of the affairs of Morocco is now practically assured and attention directed to defining the scope of the conference. Details are being rapidly arranged and the officials expect to be able to announce plans for the conference in the course of four or five days.

This result, after the severe strain which has tested the diplomatic resources of both governments has the effect of relieving the tension. Officials of the foreign office and diplomats of the German embassy agree that an amicable adjustment is near at hand. Although the acceptance of the conference German diplomacy, yet Rouvier emerges from the controversy with the advantage of having brought Germany to exactly define the scope of the conference and to rid it of the objection being a menace to French interests.

**STANDARD OIL COMPANY WILL RE-ENTER KANSAS FIELD**

**To Re-Lay Pipe Line to the Heavy Oil District.**

Independence, Kan., June 19.—General Manager O'Neill, of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, today announced that the Standard Oil Company will resume work in the Kansas oil field and will lay a pipe line to the heavy oil districts, and pay 25 cents a barrel for oil grading, between 22 and 29.

This is the most important announcement made in the oil field since the Standard Oil Company practically stopped buying in Kansas, following the stringent laws adopted by the last legislature.

## WAR TO END

**Cassini and Takahira Call on the President.**

**MISSION IS PEACEFUL**

**Japanese Plenipotentiaries May Reach the Capital in Two Weeks.**

**WILL CONVENE IN AUGUST**

**Personnel of Mission is Not as Yet Disclosed—Both Governments are Much Pleased With Selection of Washington as Place of Meeting.**

Washington, June 19.—Kogoro Takahira, Japanese minister, called at the White House today to inform President Roosevelt that the Japanese plenipotentiaries would be able to reach Washington about the first part of August, if deemed desirable.

The personnel of the mission has not been announced.

When President Roosevelt returned to the executive office after receiving Minister Takahira, he found Count Cassini the Russian ambassador, awaiting him. The information brought by Minister Takahira was communicated to Ambassador Cassini, who is cabling his government tonight to find out when the Russian mission will arrive.

When this is known it will be possible to decide upon a date of conference. The general belief is that it will convene about the middle of August.

Washington, June 19.—There are practically no new developments today in the negotiations for peace between Russia and Japan. Both Minister Takahira and Ambassador Cassini called on President Roosevelt this afternoon. Takahira remained with the president half an hour but declined to discuss the nature of his conversation with him.

Soon afterwards Cassini was received by the chief executive. His call was brief. As he was leaving the White House, Cassini said negotiations were moving forward smoothly. He added that he had not conveyed to the president the names of the Russian plenipotentiaries and had not receive from him the names of those of Japan. Both diplomats presented to President Roosevelt official advice from their governments expressive of the satisfaction felt over the selection of Washington as the seat of the peace conference.

**Opposed to Peace.**

St. Petersburg, (Midnight), June 19.—The war party has by no means surrendered. On the contrary, backed by the military element, it is making concentrated efforts to dissuade Emperor Nicholas from concluding peace. Even with the two armies already clinching, the members of the war party are filling St. Petersburg and Peterhof with optimistic views, and Linevitch and his lieutenants are reinforcing the argument with rosy reports of a strategic situation.

Many Russian correspondents at the front are evidently inspired from St. Petersburg and are flooding their papers with dispatches in the same strain. The Novoe Vremya's correspondent, in his zeal against the conclusion of a humiliating peace, points to the hazards for the government in disbanding the army of half a million men without giving them a taste of success and he expresses fear for the dangerous consequences.

**Gardner Whips Swift.**

Ogden, June 19.—George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., knocked out William Stiff, of Chicago, in five rounds tonight.

## WIFE KILLS HUSBAND AND SUICIDES

Los Angeles, June 19.—C. E. Thaise, manager of a drug store in Pasadena, and his wife, were found dead in a ranch house near Glendale, several miles north of this city, last night.

A bullet in the man's forehead and one in the woman's breast show how they met their deaths. There were signs of a struggle in the house. The couple evidently quarreled and one had shot the other with a revolver and then committed suicide. Powder burns on the woman's dress indicate that she might have done the killing. The weapon used was a revolver.

No reason is known for the quarrel and subsequent killing. The couple were each about 38 years old and resided in the city. They had gone to the ranch for an outing.

**RUSSIANS OBJECT TO POSING AS BUTCHERS**

**Meet at Krasnoyarsk and Protest. Rep-binger Dispenses Gathering.**

London, June 19.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Reuter Telegram company says that several hundred officers held a meeting June 15 at Krasnoyarsk, to protest against their constant employment in the role of police. General Repbinger, commanding the guard, ordered the meeting to disperse. The officers declared that they were all faithful subjects of Emperor Nicholas but that they would not remain in the position of military policemen.

It was the position, they said, which completely isolated them from society toward which they practically sustained the roll of butchers. Repbinger still insisted that the meeting disperse, but promised them a speedy opportunity to meet legally.

**INVITE AMERICANS TO MAKE INVESTMENTS**

**Argentina's Consul To Suggest Matter To President.**

New York, June 19.—Dr. Salvador Pratto, consul of Argentina, at St. Louis, has gone to Washington, where he expects to meet President Roosevelt for the purpose of discussing matters of commercial and financial importance in the South American republic.

Dr. Pratto is authority for the statement that there are invested in South America \$1,500,000,000 of English capital, while the American investment amount to only \$20,000,000.

Lack of initiative, on the part of the United States, in cultivating this rich field of investment, declares Dr. Pratto, is responsible for the practical monopoly held by the English.

**Will Not Honor Passes.**

San Francisco, June 19.—General Manager Calvin, of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, today ruled that passes will not be honored on trains between Portland and San Francisco at night on the Oregon and California road after July first. The order is issued owing to the crowded condition of the cars since the opening of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

**MORTON TO INVESTIGATE THE EQUITABLE**

New York, June 19.—New and important investigation of the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society is to be begun at once. Paul Morton, the newly elected chairman of the board of directors, wants to know exactly how things are with the society and has commissioned Price, Waterhouse & Company and Haskins and Sells, and chartered accountants, working together, to examine every detail of the work, investments and the relations of the society.

## IS NOT DEAD

**Katherine Gilmore is Returned Home.**

**SHERIFF HOLDS BALMER**

**Believes He Is Responsible for Girl's Flight and Hopes to Convict Him.**

**LATNCH THE MEANS OF EXIT**

**Young Woman Left Here Sunday—Boarded Night Train at John Day—Found in Portland Through Assistance of Former Chum Whom She Visited**

Katherine Gilmore, long distance operator at the local telephone office who disappeared Sunday night, for whose alleged murder, Fred Balmer, the proprietor of an Astor street cigar stand, was arrested, is home with her family, having returned to the city on last night's train in charge of a Portland deputy sheriff. Balmer, it is thought, is responsible for the girl's leaving here, and is held with the object in view of convicting him on a substantial charge.

In the sweat-box, early yesterday morning, Balmer divulged that Miss Gilmore had gone to Portland. He would admit this only when Sheriff Linville told him that Mrs. Gilmore was in a precarious condition as the result of nervous prostration, caused by her daughter's disappearance.

Balmer stated further that the girl would meet a girl chum whom he described, in Portland, a young woman who formerly worked in the telephone office with Miss Gilmore. Linville telephoned Sheriff Word of Portland and requested him to watch for the missing girl. He then telephoned to Miss Nellie Lidwell, 409 Stark street, Portland, who she recalled from Balmer's description. Miss Lidwell said that she had not seen her friend, but that in the event she materialized, Sheriff Linville would be immediately notified.

Yesterday Miss Lidwell telephoned that the missing girl was with her in Portland. Linville advised Word, who sent a deputy to take her in charge. She was brought home last night and according to Linville, will say nothing relative to her precipitous departure, or against Balmer or as to what her plans were.

So far as may be determined Miss Gilmore left Astoria, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a launch, which Balmer, without leave, borrowed of Sa Harris.

Miss Gilmore was conveyed to John Day, where she was put in charge of Bridgetender Davis. The latter was admonished not to allow Miss Gilmore to miss the evening train to Portland. Reports as to where the girl remained in the period intervening between the time she was last seen and the time of her departure are mere conjectures and utterly unreliable.

Miss Gilmore is well connected here and has always borne an unblemished name. It is impossible to conceive what influence could have been brought to bear upon the girl to induce her to leave home and apparently for a clandestine meeting with such a man as Balmer, whose reputation is not free from stigma.

**POPE'S ENCYCLICAL CREATES SENSATION**

**Encourages Catholics to Participate in Public Affairs.**

Rome, June 19.—Pope Pius issued an encyclical encouraging Catholics to participate in public affairs. While seeking advice from ecclesiastical authorities, the encyclical says: "Catholics should retain complete liberty of action regarding temporal interests."

Members of the clergy have recommended to refrain from participation in party strife. The encyclical created a sensation. Its object is to induce Catholics to enter public life so that they may be a force against the threat of socialism.

**TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS**

**Scald Proves Fatal.**

New York, June 19.—James Morgan, a colored fireman scalded in yesterday's boiler explosion at 165th street and the North river, died early today. Morgan was in the boiler house when the accident occurred. His skull was crushed and the flesh above his waist was burned before the rescuers reached him.

**Strike Declared Off.**

New York, June 19.—A strike declared some weeks ago by the Optical Workers Association, composed of men employed in the eye-glass factories, of this city, has come to an end. Of the 200 men, who were idle, all, except twenty of twenty-five, will be back at the benches today, the union having declared the strike off.

**Shipping Contraband.**

Chefoo, June 19.—Shipments of contraband of war, for the Japanese, continue to be made, particularly from Chefoo to Dally.

**Ordered to Depart.**

Chefoo, June 19.—American and European firms, still in Port Arthur, have been notified by the Japanese authorities to depart and to remove their merchandise. Many of the firms are now arranging in the charter steamers for that purpose.

**Will Convene in July.**

New York, June 19.—The business Women's International League, formed last year at the St. Louis Exposition, will hold its second annual convention, here, early in July.

**Col B. K. Roberts Promoted.**

Washington, June 19.—Colonel B. K. Roberts, of the Artillery Corps, U. S. A., was today promoted to the rank of Brigadier-general and retired.

**Openly Advocate War.**

London, June 19.—The correspondent of the Standard at Stockholm says that the Swedish conservative papers openly advocate war and urge the mobilization of troops, demand the cessation of Northern Norway as compensation to the Swedish people for the dissolution of the union.

**Mississippi Threatening.**

Des Moines, June 19.—The Mississippi river is out of its banks from Clinton to Davenport. The loss of crops and property will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The situation at Muscatine and Clinton is critical. If it should rise another foot the river will flood a part of the streets of both cities. The stream is now rising at the rate of one inch per hour.

**TWO TROLLEY WRECKS INJURE MANY**

New York, June 19.—In a rear collision between two trolley cars at Maspeth, L. I., eleven persons have been injured, some of them quite seriously. Some were thrown out of their seats, others being trampled on by the crowd in their efforts to get free of the wreck. Both cars were bound for New York and were crowded with pleasure seekers from a day at the beaches and in the country.

A funeral party returning to Brooklyn from a cemetery in Flatbush, was struck by a trolley car at Rogers and Lindel avenues, Brooklyn. The driver of the coach was fatally hurt. James C. Dunn, wife and child, who were in the car, were badly injured.